



POSITIVELY STELLAR.  
*Positively Richmond!*

Quarterly Report

April 2014



## WELCOME!

On behalf of the citizens of Richmond, I am **"positively"** excited to welcome you to our second "Positively Richmond, Positively Stellar" quarterly meeting.

Even though the general public has not seen physical construction going on, we have been working hard to move projects forward. We have been regularly meeting with various community groups to update them and another City Connections show.

We have also been working hard on some **Etcetera!** projects. We were awarded a Community-Wide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Grant and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan workshop. We are applying to two local foundations to assist in funding the Master Plan.

We are also preparing an application for the Blight Elimination Program to address blighted properties surrounding the Stellar Community targeted area.

We are Positively Positive about the opportunities for Richmond.

Thank you for visiting with us and we look forward to spotting your families around the city enjoying the summer activities we offer.

Mayor Sally Hutton



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## POSITIVELY CONNECTED-10th Street Corridor, 7th Street Corridor and Main Street Corridor

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements

#### Project Summary:

- Design and installation of dedicated walking space, biking space and vehicle accommodations on portions of 10th, 7th and Main Streets
- Traffic calming measures
- Rain gardens
- Lighting and directional signage

#### Status: Ongoing

- Awarded Community Wide Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan grant from Indiana State Department of Health 1.3.14
- Active Living Workshop Grant to Indiana Department of Health 1.9.14
- Notification of denial Active Living Workshop grant 2.3.14
- Stellar Development Team members attended Costs of Bicycle Pedestrian Infrastructure Webinar 1.22.
- Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA) contract to INDOT 1.22.14
- Board of Public Works and Safety signs REA Stellar Streets contract 2.27.14
- Sent INDOT executed contract and FMIS request for Stellar Street 2.28.14
- Meeting with community funders for Bicycle Master Plan 2.28.14
- Stellar Development Team members attended Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Workshop 3.19.14 and 3.20.14
- Bicycle Master Plan grant submitted to Wayne County Foundation 3.27.14
- Filing of INDOT Quarterly Reports

#### Next Steps:

- Bicycle Master Plan grant submission to Reid Foundation - due 6.11.14
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
- Survey Site
- Preliminary Engineering Report



#### 1 CYCLE TRACK

- Connects Richmond's Cultural Districts
- Promotes Health Living



#### 2 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Stormwater Planters
- Pervious Pavements



#### 3 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

- Establishes a Sense of Uniformity
- Green Infrastructure



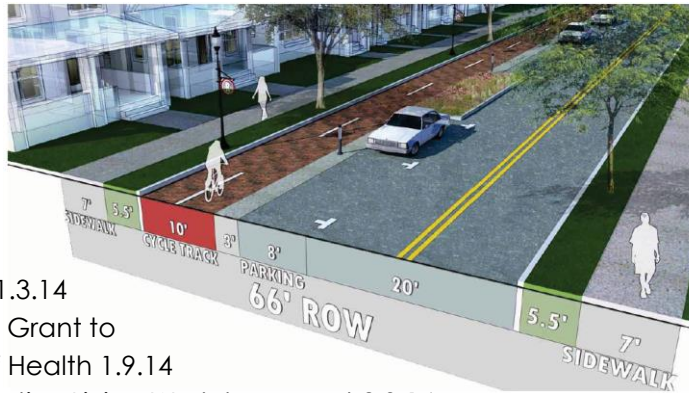
#### 4 TRAFFIC CALMING

- Pedestrian Friendly
- Traffic Calming



#### 5 WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

- Locates Various Amenities
- Provides Sense of Place



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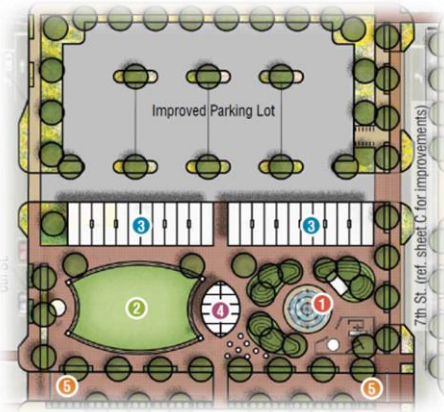
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### 7th Street Park



scheduled for 4.9.14

- Land survey completed
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in progress

#### Next Steps:

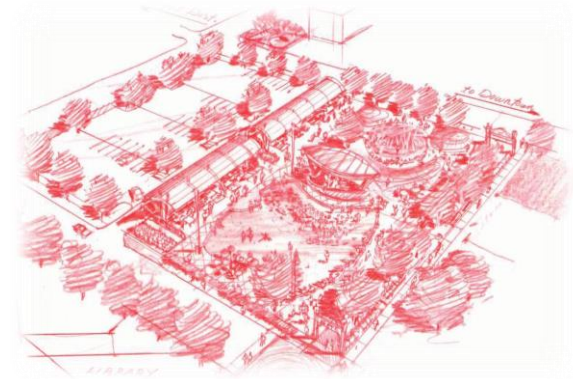
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
- Meeting with Rundell Ernstberger Associates to discuss construction phases
- Public meeting to unveil "Final Park Design" - June
- Preliminary Engineering Report

#### Project Summary:

- Civic Park to include accommodations:
  - Farmers' Market,
  - Performance Space,
  - Outdoor Classrooms
  - Green Space.
  - Enhance parking area

#### Status: Ongoing

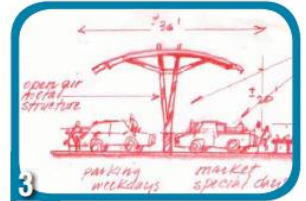
- Rundell Ernstberger Associates hired
- Public input, design charrettes



**1**  
**SPRAY PAD**  
• Family Attraction  
• Choreographed with Music



**2**  
**RECESSED LAWN**  
• Active/Passive Recreation Space  
• Event Gathering



**3**  
**FARMER'S MARKET**  
• Local Vendors  
• Festival Structure & Market



**4**  
**PERFORMANCE PAD**  
• Annual Event Space  
• Downtown Destination



**5**  
**GATEWAY ELEMENTS**  
• Park Identity  
• Banners/Messaging

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## POSITIVELY LIVING-Music City Place

### Downtown Living- Music City Place



#### Project Summary:

- 49 unit housing development
- Elimination of slum and blight at prominent intersection of US40 and US27
- Historic building renovation and rehabilitation

#### Status: Ongoing

- Developer learns Music City Place did not receive tax credit allocation 2.27.14

#### Next Steps:

- Developer requesting score sheet to review



#### 1 HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Structural Renovation
- Building Repurposing



#### 2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Street Front Retail
- Downtown Shopping



#### 3 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

- Establishes a Sense of Uniformity
- Green Infrastructure



#### 4 DOWNTOWN LIVING

- Culture, Food, Entertainment
- Variety of Transportation



#### 5 ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

- Proximity to Cycle Track
- Events & Festivals

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## POSITIVELY CONNECTED – Downtown Wi-Fi

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### Downtown Wi-Fi Installation



#### Project Summary:

- Wi-Fi access throughout Downtown

#### Status: Ongoing

- Project partners Rukus, G3 and Parallax
- Access points selected
- Installation/Activation Date

#### Next Steps:

- Installation/Activation April
- Testing in May
- Rollout to public June



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## POSITIVELY REJUVINATED

### Downtown Renovation, Facades



#### Project Summary:

- Downtown Façade Renovations

#### Status: Ongoing

- Fair Housing Ordinance Revised, introduced to Common Council 12.2.13

#### Next Steps:

- Finalize project scope
- Issue RFP for award
- Selection of structural engineer
- Meetings with downtown business owners
- Design and bidding of the projects
- Construction 2014-2016



#### Facade Improvements:

1. New Stone Cornice
2. New Storefront
3. New Signage
4. New Exterior Canopy
5. 2 Upper Levels of Residential
6. 1 Upper Level of Residential
7. Repair Existing Cornice and Corbels
8. New Alley - Demolish Existing
9. New Stonework Veneer
10. Masonry Repair and Tuck Pointing

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## POSITIVELY ENHANCED

### Downtown Living



#### Project Summary:

- Upper Story, Loft Housing Downtown

#### Status: Ongoing

- Fair Housing Ordinance Revisions approved by Common Council
- Working with multiple developers on potential November 2014 RHTC Applications
- Scheduled meeting with community lenders and financial planners to discuss special financing options and application needs for 4.10.14
- Met with IHCD 2.4.14
- Met with Richmond Realtors Association 2.10.14

#### Next Steps:

- Meeting with Federal Home Loan Bank about partnerships 4.21.14
- Finalize project scope
- Issue RFP for award
- Selection of structural engineer
- Meetings with downtown business owners
- Design and bidding of the project
- Construction 2014-2016



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## POSITIVELY LIVING - VAILE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Owner Occupied Rehabilitation

#### Project Summary:

- Owner Occupied Rehabilitation in the Vaile Neighborhood
- 40 Homes in 2 phases

#### Status: Ongoing

- Outreach Plan in development
- Marketing scheduled to begin in June 2014

#### Next Steps:

- Apply for \$500,000 from IHCD for Phase I
- Determine Project Scope
- Advertise for bids
- Award contracts and begin constructions



**OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB**  
• Home Maintenance and Repair  
• Enhances quality of place



**AGING IN PLACE**  
• ADA Modifications



Recent upgrades to 10<sup>th</sup> Street Park in Vaile Neighborhood using City Park Bond Dollars

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## POSITIVELY PARTNERED

### ***Etcetera!***

- Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Grant Application – awarded 1.3.14
- Room 912, Indiana University East community gallery and classroom space Grand Opening 1.30.14
- City of Richmond Redevelopment Committee approves \$300,000 for Wolverine project - 184 new jobs 1.9.14
- Berry Plastics announces plans to add 50 new jobs in Richmond 1.11.14
- Richmond hosts Hardest Hit Funds meeting 1.16.14
- Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County unveils new Strategic Plan 1.21.14
- National Endowment for the Arts, Our Town Planning Grant for Gateways and Public Art – Application Submission Completed 1.29.14
- Cultural Asset Mapping in progress – led by Wayne County Convention and Tourism Bureau
- Earlham College receives \$1M Lilly Grant for Indiana Pathways Initiative
- Center City hosts Meltdown Winter Ice Festival 1.30.14 and 1.31.14
- Neighborhood Services Clearinghouse and City of Richmond to host five (5) state, Regional Neighborhood Network Conference, September 11-13
- City Connections, public access show, taped segment on Stellar projects 3.6.14
- Developing application for Blight Elimination Program

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## POSITIVELY TIMELY -Timeline of Positively Richmond Positively Stellar Activities

### Etcetera!

#### 2013

##### Dec

- 19 Pal-Item 'Maximum Business' mag 'Free outdoor Wi-Fi planned' & other downtown businesses'

#### 2014

##### Jan

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| <p>3 Awarded 'Community Wide Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Master Plan' grant</p> <p>7 Pal-Item 'Service center jobs 2 steps closer'</p> <p>8 City Ex. Mtg.</p> <p>8 Stellar Update to Urban Enterprise Association Board of Directors-bf</p> <p>9 Pal-Item 'Commissioners OK \$300K grant to Stride Rite'</p> <p>9 Mtg w/Center City Development Corporation Ex. Dir. Jason Whitney-bf</p> <p>9 Active Living' application submitted to IN Dept of Health</p> <p>11 Pal-Item 'Berry Plastics to add 50 jobs at area plant'</p> <p>15 City Ex. Mtg.</p> <p>15 Bike Richmond Mtg-bf</p> <p>16 Hardest Hit Funds' grant mtg.Sen Merrit/Lt. Gov</p> <p>16 Mtg w/Tony Fitts, The Model Group (Stellar Housing) bf</p> <p>17 Manufacuring Community mtg with EDC TF,SM,SP</p> <p>17 Pal-Item 'TODAY cres returns to Veach's next week'</p> <p>18 Pal-Item 'Main Street gets naitonal attention'</p> <p>19 Pal-Item 'Corder's Car Care shop moves to new location' (sold to new business)</p> <p>19 Pal-Item 'The Brake Shop finds more space after selling building to Corder's)</p> <p>19 Pal-Item ' NAPA Auto Parts store opening'</p> <p>19 Pal-Item 'EDC invites public to strategic plan rollout'</p> <p>19 Pal-Item 'Burned-out disaster' (old Reid Hospital)</p> <p>19 Pal-Item 'Spring Grove still owns old Reid'</p> <p>20 Pal-Item 'Weather delays Wayzata plant opening' Connersville</p> <p>20 Stellar Update to Downtown Business Group(14bus/22people)-bf</p> <p>21 EDC Strategic Plan rollout TF SM BF</p> <p>21 Pal-Item 'richmond, West Alexandria add caterer, eatery to choices'</p> <p>21 Mtg w/Phil Krauss (Stellar Facades)-bf</p> <p>22 City Ex. Mtg.</p> <p>22 Webinar 'Costs of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure' TF SM BT SP</p> | <p>22 Street REA contract sent to IINDOT</p> <p>22 Pal-Item 'Consultant: EDC might find private funds'</p> <p>22 Pal-Item 'TODAY checks on Veach's changes'</p> <p>22 Richmond Life 'Veach's Toy Station Gets NBC Makeover'</p> <p>22 Richmond Life 'Business Poised to invest \$2.4 M in City'</p> <p>22 Richmond Life 'Earlham Gets \$1 M Grant'</p> <p>22 Mtg w/Himelicks (Stellar Housing)-bf</p> <p>23 Mtg w/Cummins (Stellar Housing)-bf</p> <p>24 Hardest Hit fund City stragetic mtg</p> <p>26 Pal-Item 'Center's growth could help shrink more wounds'</p> <p>26 Pal-Item pic of Best One Tire building expansion</p> <p>26 RP&amp;L newsletter "Richmond well repested at economic dev mtgs hosted by IMPA'</p> <p>26 Pal-Item Room 912 ad for Grand Opening</p> <p>27 Pal-Item 'Chamber: RP&amp;L no longer cost competitive'</p> <p>27 Pal0Item 'Richmond auto shop in middle of expansion project'</p> <p>27 Pal-Item 'City wants to boost downtown, Depot recycling'</p> <p>28 Pal-Item 'Ready for a Meltdown?'</p> <p>28 Metro Blight fund mtg.</p> <p>28 Stellar Update to Wayne County Foundation Staff-bf</p> <p>29 City Ex. Mtg.</p> <p>29 Mtg w/Smith (Stellar Housing &amp; Facades) - bf</p> <p>29 Our Town work samples submitted</p> <p>30 Pal-Item Meltdown pictures</p> <p>30 Pal-Item '22 tons of ice ordered for weekend festival'</p> <p>30 Pal-Item 'Room 912: IUEast unveils gallery, classroom, studio space'</p> <p>30 Pal-Item Veach's full page ad of renovation</p> <p>30 &amp; 31 Hosted Regional Neighborhood Network Steering Committee-bf</p> <p>31 Grand opening of Room 912 IUE art studio downtown</p> <p>31 Positive Place email 'Boost +1:Continuing the Conversation' summary of year</p> <p>31 Mtg w/Hardie (Stellar Housing)-bf</p> |
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### Feb

- 1 Pal-Item 'Manufacturing Matters graduates first class'
- 2 Pal-Item 'TODAY airing overjoys Veach's owners'
- 2 Pal-Item 'This ice is twice as nice'
- 3 Notification of denial of Active Living app
- 3 Particpate in MRLibrary 5 yr plan group TF SM SP SZ
- 3 Downtown Merchants Group mtg.(11bus/15people) BF SM
- 4 Newsletter sent out
- 4 IHCDa loft housing mtg
- 5 Mtg w/Veach (Stellar Housing)-bf
- 6 BOW signs Rundell contract for Stellar Park
- 6 Mtg w/Hughes (Stellar Housing & Facades)-bf
- 7 Mtg w/Karen Chasteen re: Downtown Parking-bf
- 10 Realtor's Mtg. Stellar update BF
- 10 Chamber Economic Vitality Stellar update TF
- 10 Pal-Item 'INDOT funds will go to bridge, sidewalk projects'
- 10 Mtg w/Pyle (Stellar Facade)-bf
- 11 Pal-Item 'Contract approved for new park'
- 11 Mtg w/Ontko (Stellar Facade)-bf
- 12 City Ex. Mtg.
- 12 Mtg w/Clopper (Stellar Housing)-bf
- 13 Richmond Life 'Richmond Main Street Gets National Nod'
- 13 Mtg w/Allen (Stellar Facades)-Ineligible-Outside boundaries-bf
- 15 Pal-item 'Inside Business to air Veach's interview'
- 16 Pal-item 'Transformation from movieplex to Rec Plex'
- 20 Web Canopy Studio signs contract for website work
- 24 Awarded 'Pedestrian Safety Action Plan' wkshp IN Criminal Justice Institute
- 25 City Blight mtg
- 26 INDOT qtr review of all INDOT projects
- 27 BOW signs Rundell contract for Stellar Streets
- 27 Music City Place tax credits not awarded at IHCDa Bd Mtg
- 27 Mtg. Rundell on Stellar Park timeline
- 28 March Positively Richmond newsletter sent
- 28 sent INDOT excuted contract/FMIS request for Stellar Streets
- 28 Mtg with community funders for Bicycle Master Plan

### March

- 4 Pal-Item 'Firm hired for 2nd Stellar project'
- 4 City Blight mtg
- 5 Stellar Ex. mtg with Community stakeholders

- 6 City Connections taping of Stellar Update
- 7 Pal-Item 'Business expands city's food delivery options'
- 11 City Blight mtg
- 12 Stellar Ex mtg
- 16 Pal-Item 'Lincoln grad:Wayne Co home sweet home
- 16 Pal-Item 'Turning the tide on brain drain'
- 16 Pal-Item 'New business profile:Castle Roofing Inc.'
- 18 City Blight mtg
- 19-20 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan workshop
- 19 Stellar Ex mtg
- 21 City Blight mtg
- 22 Pal-Item 'Create a place where workers want to live'
- 24 Training volunteers for BEP
- 25 City Blight mtg
- 26 Stellar Ex mtg
- 27 Section 106 training BF
- 27 City Connections taping on Blight Elimination Program
- 27 Bicycle Master Plan submitted to Wayne County Foundation

### April

- Richmond Life 'Meltdown brings the cool to downtown Richmond'
- 1 Four College Career Fair
- 1 Pal-Item 'Ideas sought for new city park'
- 7 Downtown Business Group BF
- 8 Pal-Item 'Centerville grad touts regional aproach'
- 9 Public meetings for 7th St. Park 62 public attendance
- 10 Bankers/financial advisors mtg for lofts, facades attendees
- 11 Pal-Item 'Feedback on park pleases officials'
- 13 Pal-Item "Couples breathe life into historic buildings
- 13 Pal-Item 'Party, event center opens in Hagerstown'
- 13 Pal-Item 'New business profile' Phillips 66
- 15 BEP training session SM SP
- 16 Pal-Item 'Full time openings plentiful at job fair'
- 16 Pal-Item 'O'Reilly will replace Ritter's on richmond's east side'
- 16 Pal-Item 'Area menu adds Jimmy John's'
- 17 Job Fair at Kuhlman Center
- 17 Pal-Item 'West Richmond Swifty sold, closes for business'
- 20 Pal-Item 'Ind. gap of costs, wages grows'
- 20 Pal-Item 'Vision to reality forum at IUE'
- 20 Pal-Item 'DEC leader will present 5-year plan to council'
- 21 Pal-Item 'Third Quality of Place conference planned'
- 21 Federal Home Loan Program mtg. w/ local banker
- 22 BOOST 2.0 From vision to vitality

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### **Etcetera!**



Indiana University East  
Room 912 Grand Opening



Earham College Students supporting Spring  
Clean UP in Vaile Neighborhood



Indiana University East  
Room 912 Grand Opening



7th Street Park Public Input Meeting



Recent Façade Renovation on Main Street

## Comprehensive Mission

“Positively enhance the quality of life for the entire region by making improvements in the district, leveraging strategic partnerships and creating gateways to surrounding emerging districts for sustainable quality living and economic vitality”

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